RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - RULE 116

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In re Application of: Barbara PODOBNIK et al. Group Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 10/577,285 Confirmation No.: 2838

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Title: STABLE PHARMACEUTICAL

COMPOSITION COMPRISING GRANULOCYTE-COLONY STIMULATING FACTOR

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 23, 2008

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments to the claims of the present application be entered and the following remarks be considered.

The present response is believed to be timely filed, as it is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the outstanding Office Action.